

Hughes



HUGHES HOTEL, FRESNO

This hotel was built by Thomas Hughes. Thomas Hughes helped to settle the town of Fresno, and also invested heavily in mines in Mexico.

HUGHES

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The HUGHES family is descended from Milesius, King of Spain, through the line of his son Heber. The founder of the family was Cormac Cas, son of Ollioll Ollum, King of Munster, A.D. 177, and his consort, Sabia, daughter of Con Kead Caha, or Con of the Hundred Battles, King of Ireland, A.D. 148. The ancient name was Easc and signifies "Old". The possessions of the sept were located in the present Counties of Cork, Limerick, and Meath.

In the last-mentioned county the O'Hughes, were Chiefs of Odhbha near Tara. The O'Hughes were also Chiefs of Fearnmhoighe, or Fernmoy, a district in the County Down, on the borders of Antrim, in the barony of Lower Iveagh. There were other chiefs and clans of this name in Mayo and Sligo, and the O'Hughes were Chiefs of Esruadh, now Ballyshannon, in the barony of Tir Hugh, in the County of Donegal.

The same family were Lords of Tuath-Luirg and Ui-Fiachrach-Ard-stratha. The territory of Tuath-Luirg is the barony of Lurg, in the County of Fermanagh, and the territory of the Ui-Fiachrach of Ard-stratha extended from the northeast boundary of this barony to the River Mourne, in the County of Tyrone. The name--in Gaelic O'Haedha--is very common throughout the province of Ulster, where it is Anglicized "Hughes".

The late John Hughes, first Archbishop of New York, was of the northern branch of this family. He was one of the greatest prelates of the Church in America. He succeeded in having the existing school system modified in favor of Catholics and he afterwards laid the permanent foundation of the parochial-school system.

No man ever exercised a deeper or wider influence on the Catholic Church and the Catholic mind in the United States, and this influence was gained without seeking it, held without effort, acknowledged, and used only for the highest purposes.

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PEDIGREE OF HUGHES--Showing Connections of
HUGHES-BROOKS Descendants.

Hughes-McGuire

THOMAS HUGHES--born in Maclesfield, Cheshire, England,
January 6, 1797, came to the United States of America
in 1819, located in Morganton, Burke County, North
Carolina. Here he married in 1822

SARAH EVELINA McGuire, born February 21, 1805, in England
Daughter of John McGuire (Feb. 21, 1771)-Betsy Sharp (1/22/1774)
Granddaughter of William Sharp (Dec. 13, 1742) and
Catherine Reese (Sept. 23, 1744) Married May 21, 1768.

Their Children: (Thomas & Sarah Evelina Hughes)

Mary Cordelia Hughes--Dec. 18, 1824
Elizabeth Hughes - - - May 20, 1826
Wm. Casper Hughes - - - Mar. 9, 1828
Thomas Edwin Hughes - June 5, 1830
Sarah Jane Hughes - - - June 6, 1832
Edward Pason Hughes - Sept 8, 1835
John Elum Hughes - - - Oct. 10, 1837
James (infant) - - - Aug. 11, 1839

Thomas Hughes (Sr.) had three brothers;
JOHN HUGHES, a tailor by trade; WILLIAM HUGHES and GEORGE
HUGHES, tanners--"intelligent workmen;" and a sister; who
married a silk manufacturer, David Dean, in Maclesfield, Eng.
In 1860 Mr. and Mrs. David Dean were living in New Orleans, La.

Hughes-Moss

WILLIAM CASPER HUGHES--born March 9, 1828, in Morganton,
Burke County, North Carolina; came to California in 1849
with his father, Thomas Hughes, Sr., traveling overland.
Married in California

MATILDA MOSS--age 15 yrs., in Nov. 1853; daughter of
Colonel Moss of Mexican War, relative of Zacary Taylor;
sister of Elizabeth, Eliza, and Mary Moss.

Their Children, born in California.

William McGuire Hughes, Aug. 17, 1854, Murphy's Camp, Calif.
George Elum Hughes, in Stanislaus County, Calif.
Evelina Hughes, died age 11.
John Hughes, infant.

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Hughes-Brooks

WILLIAM MCGUIRE HUGHES--born in Murphy's Camp, Calif. Aug. 17, 1854;
came to Los Angeles 1870. Married in Los Angeles 1880, Feb.
SARAH ANN BROOKS--born in Grass Valley, Calif., Aug. 19, 1858;
came to Los Angeles Aug. 1869.

Their Children;

William Edwin Ashton Hughes
Ivy Ethel Hughes (Mrs. Samuel F. Arthur)
Ann Fern Hughes (Mrs. Eric L. Randall)

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Son of William McGuire Hughes and Sarah Ann Brooks Hughes
Married in Denver, Colo.
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Daughter of

Their children:

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Died in Los Angeles, Calif. age six.

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Their child

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Their child:

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Their children: Robert, Shari, Melody
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Lana Jean L.A. Nov. 5, 1961

Thomas E. Hughes
About the year 1850

Father of William C. Hughes
Thomas E. Hughes

Grandfather of Wm. H. Hughes
George E. Hughes

Great-Grandfather of
Wm. A. Hughes
Ivy Hughes Arthur
Anne Fern Hughes Randall

Great-great-grandfather of
Marjorie Arthur Johnson
Virginia Arthur Van Alstyne

Robert Hughes
Edwin Hughes (Ted)
Dorothy Hughes Brammer
Daisy Hughes King
Ruth Hughes

Great Great great Grandfather of
Eric Arthur Johnson
Glen Lee Johnson

Dianne Brammer Jerry King

Betty Alice Van Alstyne

FAMILY RECORD

THOMAS BROOKS and ANN ASHTON BROOKS and Their Descendants

Thomas Brooks: Born August 1, 1825, in Hereford, England
Died October 12, 1909, in Los Angeles, California

Ann Ashton: Born August 12, 1831, in Manchester, England
Married to Thomas Brooks Dec. 30, 1858, in Saint Louis, U.S.A.
Died March 16, 1888, on Brooks Ranch, Los Angeles, Calif.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND ANN BROOKS (From records found among papers of Emma Brooks)

Mary Ann: Born in Grass Valley, Calif. Died in infancy. 1854
Elizabeth Brooks: Born September 9, 1856, in Grass Valley, Calif.
Married Samuel Alderman _____ 1880, in
Port Street Methodist Church, Los Angeles
Died _____ in Los Angeles
Sarah Ann Brooks: Born August 19, 1858, in Grass Valley
Married William McGuire Hughes, Feb. 1880, in
Port Street Methodist Church, Los Angeles
Died March 30, 1949, in Los Angeles
Baby died at birth, 1860 in Grass Valley.
Thomas Brooks, Jr.: Born March 1, 1862, in Grass Valley
Married Margaret _____ (Aunt Maggie) in L.A.
Maggie died _____ in Los Angeles
Married again, to Caroline who died _____ 1952
William Brooks: Born Nov. 7, 1867, in Grass Valley
Married _____ in Los Angeles
Died _____ 1931 in Burbank, Calif.
Lily May (twin) Born May 1, 1867, in Grass Valley
Died January 1868, in Grass Valley
Rosie May (twin) Born May 1, 1867, in Grass Valley
Died August 1867, in Grass Valley.
Baby boy died at birth, in Wilmington, Calif. 1869
Mary Emma Brooks: Born November 25, 1871, in Los Angeles, near Glendale.
(Emma A. Brooks) From 1872 until her death lived on Brooks Ranch.
Died February 4, 1953, at home, formerly on Brooks Ranch
Never married.
James Robert Brooks: Born August 2, 1875, on Brooks Ranch, Los Angeles.
Died June 4, 1944, at his home on former Brooks Ranch.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH & Samuel ALDERMAN:
Ethel, Edwin, Ernest, Marguerite.
Children of Sarah and William M. Hughes:
William Ashton, Ivy Ethel, Anne Fern.
Children of Thomas and Maggie Brooks:
Fred and Laura (or Midge)

FAMILY TREE

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William Ashton, born in England about 1800
 married (about 1825)
 (Daughter of Ellen Trilloe, born in England about 1790)
 their children
 William born in England
 James
 Ann (or Nancy) about 1832

Thomas Brooks, born in England about 1820
 Dec. 1852 married -- in St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A.
 Ann (Nancy) Ashton, born in England about 1838
 Their Children
 Born in Grass Valley, California -- in Los Angeles
 Elizabeth. Sept. 9, 1856 Infant, died. (Wilmington) 1869
 Sarah Ann, Aug. 19, 1858 Infant died, Los Feliz Ranch
 Infant died. Emma 1872 Nov. 25
 Thomas, 1860 James Robert 1876, Aug. 2
 Infant died.
 William 1864
 Rosie May, May 1, 1866
 Lillie May, May 1, 1866
 (Twins died 1868)

Samuel Alderman, born in Grass Valley, Calif.
 married in Los Angeles, 1880
 Elizabeth Brooks, born in Grass Valley, 1856
 Their Children: (All born in Grass Valley, Calif)
 Ethel Edwin Ernest Marguerite

George Read, born in Edwin Alderman
 married in Grass Valley married
 Ethel Alderman
 Their Children Their children
 Earl Read Irene Read
 married married
 Gertrude Mason Charles Lacy
 Their Children Their child
 Patsy Charlene
 George Wesley

Ernest Alderman Marguerite Alderman
 married Married in Los Angeles
 Their children Barkley Bell
 No children

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F A M I L Y T R E E

BROOKS-ASHTON descendants, Continued

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William Edwin Ashton	Ivy Ethel	Ann Fern
married in Denver, Colo.	Married to	Married to
Marguerite Jeancon	Samuel Francis	Eric Llewellyn Randall
Their children	Arthur	(No children)
Blanche	Daisy	Their Children:
Dorothy	William Robert	Marjorie Edith
Edith	Edwin Ashton	Virginia Ellen

Blanche Hughes, Born in Denver
Died in 1915, at age Six, in L.A.

William Robert Hughes
married
Harriet

Dorothy Fern Hughes, Born in Denver, 1910
married to

Their children:

Brammer, in Los Angeles

Their children:

Dianne (Marge) Brammer

Teddy Hughes (Edwin Ashton)
married
Jean Lawhead
In war service with the
U.S. Navy, 1944

Edith, Alene, Hughes
still unmarried in 1944

Daisy Edna Hughes

married to
Orville King
Their Child:

Gary King

Daisy divorced King

re-married to

Howard Cassard, in Tujunga
Calif.

JOHNSON-ARTHUR

Marjorie Edith Arthur, born in L.A.

married to

Robert Louis Johnson, born in Wichita, Kan.

Their children: (All born in Los Angeles)

Eric Arthur, July 17, 1934

Glenn Lee, Jan. 9, 1938

Joyce Marie, May 27, 1942

VAN-ALSTYNE-ARTHUR

Virginia Ellen Arthur,
born in Los Angeles

married to

Alexander Morris VanAlstyne
born in Canada

Their Children:

Arthur Morris, died in infancy
Betty Alice, Oct. 26, 1938

F A M I L Y T R E E

BROOKS-ASHTON Descendants, Continued

BROOKS-
 Thomas Brooks, Jr., born in Grass Valley, Calif., 1860
 married in Los Angeles
 Margaret (Maggie)

	Their children: born in Los Angeles
Fred Brooks	Laura (Midge) Brooks
married	married
Susan Delaney	James Delaney
	No Children
Their Children:	
Pierce Brooks	
Susan Brooks	
Thomas Brooks, III	

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Funeral Rites Set for Pioneer Thomas Brooks

Funeral arrangements were being completed today for Thomas Brooks, 95, who came to Los Angeles 88 years ago and helped his father operate a sheep ranch in what is now the Los Feliz district.

A native of Grass Valley, Brooks went to work for the water department in 1883. He retired in 1939 as superintendent of water mains. During his career he supervised the laying of more than 4000 miles of pipe.

Brooks, a close associate of the late William Mulholland, was a member of the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Water Engineers and the Native Sons.

A son, Fred C. Brooks, a daughter, Mrs. Laura Lee Delaney, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive. Brooks died at his home, 2045 N Catalina St.

L. A. Pioneer T. Brooks Dies at 95

Thomas Brooks, 95, Los Angeles pioneer and retired Department of Water and Power executive, died yesterday at his home at 2045 North Catalina street.

Mr. Brooks was born in Grass Valley and had lived in Los Angeles 88 years.

He was one of the last of the close associates of the late William Mulholland, developer of the Los Angeles water system.

When he first came to Los Angeles in 1889 he helped his father operate a sheep ranch in what is now Los Feliz residential district. He went to work for the Department of Water and Power in 1893 and retired as Superintendent of Water Mains in 1939.

PIPE SUPERVISOR—

During his career he supervised the laying of more than 4000 miles of pipe line in Los Angeles.

He was a member of the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Engineers and the Native Sons of the Golden West.

He leaves a son, Fred C.; a daughter, Mrs. Laura Lee Delaney; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Pierce Brothers Hollywood Mortuary.

Tom Brooks Ex-City Aide Dies at 95

Funeral arrangements for Thomas Brooks, 95, pioneer resident, and retired Water and Power Department superintendent, today were being prepared by Pierce Brothers' Hollywood Mortuary.

A native of Grass Valley, and a Los Angeles resident for 88 years, he died yesterday at his home, 2045 N. Catalina st.

He retired from the city

department in 1939 as street mains superintendent after 55 years during which he was closely associated with the late William Mulholland, developer of the city's water system. He supervised the placing of more than 4000 miles of water pipe.

He helped his father run a sheep ranch in the Hollywood Hills in 1889 when they first

arrived here and settled in the Los Feliz district.

Survivors are a son, Fred Brooks; a daughter, Mrs. Laura Lee Delaney, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

SEATON VISITS HONOLULU

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 (AP)—Interior Secretary Fred Seaton leaves today for Honolulu on an inspection tour.

14417 Hatteras St.,
Van Nuys, Calif.
January 24, 1955

Dear Jean and Ted,-

Since you were here I have thought of a number of bits of history about the ranches that were along the old Los Feliz Road, that you may use in your accounts of early Los Angeles.

That land between the hills and the river was the best and most fertile farm land in the whole of the Los Angeles area, and it had the advantage of abundant water supply. For that reason its price was higher than other acreage farther away from water. *Acres could have been purchased for a mere fraction of the price, at which the City is today*

As near as I can remember from what my mother and Aunt Emma told me, Grandfather Brooks paid \$3000.00 for the ranch of eighty or so acres--a part of the original Spanish Land Grant to the Chavez family. (Some of the old maps spell the name Chavis, others Chavez. Ted, I wish you would check with the County records and find if I am right in these statements.) The land which became the Brooks Ranch in 1871 extended from the Los Angeles River to a line up the hillside about to the Zanja which carried water to the town. Later Grandfather deeded the part that ran up the hillside, to the city for park purposes and right of way for the road which is now Riverside Drive.

The boundary along the river was variable. Some years the flood waters would take away acres and tear out the willows. Other times the river would do just the opposite and build up sandy lowlands while ripping out railroad tracks along the opposite bank, and toppling trains of cars into the river.

All the land extending along the river from the present entrance to Griffith Park eastward to Dayton Avenue, now North Figueroa Street and the Arroyo Seco Freeway, was purchased in various sized parcels by good substantial families of English descent. They built homes that were nice and modern for that day and age, many of them replacing old adobe houses or tumble-down shacks. Farms were laid out in neat patterns of plots of vegetables, fields, and orchards, which viewed from the Elysian Park Hilltop, could be likened to a many colored patch-quilt.

A bountiful supply of water was brought to the ranches by an open ditch which was diverted from the river near the Griffith Ranch (Griffith Park) and flowed along the old Los Feliz Road (now Riverside Drive) in front of the ranches, then the ranchers would take their turns sending the water into their private irrigation systems.

Domestic water for the Brooks Ranch, in the early days, was supplied from a spring in the hillside. Later, when the zanja was replaced with big water pipes and the City owned the hillside, the ranches were supplied with water from the city's pipes. In time the old ditch was taken away. Then the ranch owners put in their own pumping plants and still had plenty of water. Electricity had come to that area--then the telephone--then paved road--then gas--then higher and higher taxes and the ranches faded away to be replaced by city streets, family homes, schools, and businesses.

Churches

Truly as ever
Your Aunt - Ivy E. Arthur

and a bridge over the river

This poem was written by Sarah Ann Brooks (Mrs. William M. Hughes) Thirteen years after her arrival in Los Angeles, 1869. The light mentioned in the seventh stanza was one of the seven electric light masts 150 feet in height, which furnished our city with illumination in 1882. Noting the rapid growth of this city inspired her to write the poem.

THE PIONEER'S RETURN

Is this a vision of Fairyland,
A vision wrought by mystic hand?
Am I asleep and do I dream
Or are things really what they seem?

Whence came these lovely homes I see,
The trailing vine, the spreading tree,
The blushing rose, these blossoms rare?
Surely Eden Land was not more fair.

I feel as Rip Van Winkle did
When mid the Catskill Mountains hid
He woke from sleep of twenty years
To find all changed but hopes and fears.

And yet but twelve short years have passed
Since on my home I looked my last.
Then, where these lovely homes now stand
Was but a wheat and pasture land.

The ripe grain waved its bearded head.
On sweet wild grasses cattle fed.
It was the wild birds' halcyon time
And peace was felt in the songsters' rhyme.

Now, just above the shaded green
Of vines and trees a spire is seen,
And there's another place of prayer.
'Tis like God's blessing everywhere.

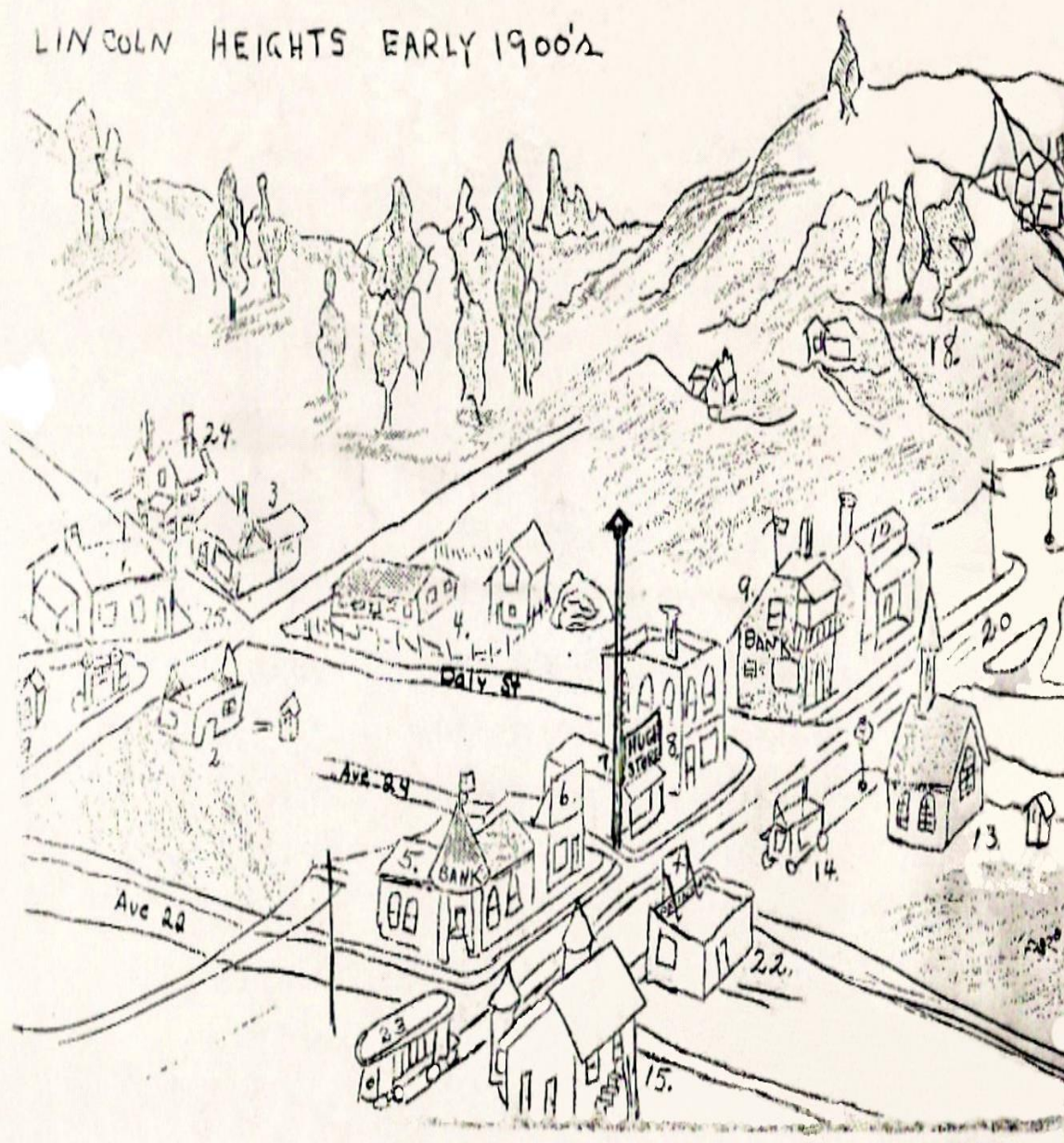
And far above the tall church spire,
Like a watcher's torch of fire,
To guide the wanderer home at night
Through the darkness gleams a light.

Full of brightness and below
Streets are running so and so.
Ah! Surely this is not a dream
For things are really what they seem.

I am back again to my home once more,
Back again to my native shore.
With a hearty welcome new friends I'll meet
And with loving smiles old friends I'll greet.

Sarah A. Hughes

LINCOLN HEIGHTS EARLY 1900's



Pioneer Photographer Remembers Half Century of News in Pictures

BY DICK DEGNON

TUJUNGA—"It was just an ordinary day in the newspaper business," W. A. Hughes of Tujunga, one of the first photographers of the Los Angeles Times, said while recalling the eve of the bombing of the Times Building Oct. 1, 1910.

Hughes had taken his last picture of the day just hours before the bombing and had gone home. He was awakened during the night by neighbors who said "there was an explosion." It was early the same morning that he found out that his paper had been bombed.

"I rushed to the scene and took scores of pictures. Office workers had taken off work and lined the streets around The Times for blocks to view the wreckage."

Prefers Sports

In 1912 Hughes became chief photographer of The Times and was given opportunities that present-day news photographers would give their best lens to have experienced.

He photographed the first airplanes that flew in California, shot pictures at the opening of the Los Angeles Aqueduct and took pictures of such well-known persons as Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft, Jim Jeffries, Eddie Rickenbacker and John Philip Sousa.

Hughes is probably more proud of his sports photography — mainly automobile racing — than any of the fields he worked with his old Graflex camera.

The native Angeleno, who started in photography in 1900, spent many week ends taking pictures at the first Southland auto racing tracks in Santa Monica and Long Beach.

Hughes is enthusiastic about the many changes that have taken place in the photographic industry in the last 50 years.

He said he was working with much slower film and developing agents in his photo-making days. Camera speeds also were much slower, he said.

Pointing to his eyes, Hughes spoke of one of the greatest advances in photography—the replacement of flash powder by flash bulbs. He described the time he was taking pictures in a Los Angeles theater. He pulled the chain igniting the flash powder and the mass of flames landed in his face.

"I couldn't see straight for months," he said.

Hughes, whose weekly

newspaper pay rose from \$18 to \$25, left The Times in 1917 to do free-lance photography. "The \$25 was tops in the area," he smiled.

Devised 'Swing'

The newspapers in Los Angeles had only one or two photographers in the early days and would pay for free-lance work.

Hughes is credited with introducing the "swing" method of photographing fast action. This is accomplished by swinging the camera parallel to the subject and tripping the shutter when the camera is moving with the subject. He discovered this now widely used method in sports photography while shooting racing cars.



Early-Day Photographer for Times Marks 50th Wedding Anniversary



MARK MARITAL MILESTONE—Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes observe golden wedding anniversary.
Dorothy H. Miles photo

TUJUNGA — One of the first staff photographers of The Times and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary as four generations of the family gathered for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes were honored in their home, 10618 Bryn Ave., by their three daughters and two sons. Eight of the couple's nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also were present.

"We love each other" is the reason offered by the Tujunga couple for their long and successful marriage.

Married in Denver

The couple were married in Denver in 1907. After the birth of their second daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes moved to California.

Hughes, a native Californian, was a staff photographer for The Times from 1910 to 1918. In 1927 the couple moved with their family of five children to Tujunga. They have lived here since then.

Hughes attended Los Angeles schools and the former Throop Polytechnic, now the California Institute of Technology.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been active in Sunland and Tujunga civic affairs for many years.

Held CD Posts

During World War II the couple served as civil defense officers in the area. Mrs. Hughes, who was born in Elgin, Ill., was the first president of the Sunland-Tujunga Navy Mother's Club. She also was active for many years in the Tujunga Woman's Club, the Sunland-Tujunga Bowl Chorus and the Los Cantora Mothersingers.

They have five children—Mrs. Dorothy H. Miles of Honolulu, Miss Ruth Hughes of Tujunga, Mrs. Daisy K. Cozad of Santa Rosa, Edwin A. Hughes of Los Angeles and William Robert Hughes of Palos Verdes.